

## Announcements

# The AATS Graham Research Foundation

## The AATS Graham Research Foundation Experiences Programmatic Expansion During Its 40th Anniversary



Starting with the first Graham Traveling Fellow in 1951, the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) has promoted education and research that led to the founding of the AATS Graham Research Foundation in 1973 to serve as the funding arm of the Association's research and education initiatives.

Over the past year, new fellowship programs for medical students, fellows, residents, and international professionals have been developed that provide specialized educational and training opportunities. These new initiatives coupled with the existing programs help the AATS Graham Research Foundation continue to fulfill its mission of "*Driving Leadership Learning, and Innovation in the Pursuit of Excellence.*"

As our parent Association, the AATS underwrites all operational costs of the Foundation, allowing 100% of all individuals' contributions to go directly to Foundation programming. For more information on the AATS Graham Research Foundation, please visit <http://grahamresearchfoundation.org>.

# The American Board of Thoracic Surgery

## Notices

The part I (written) examination was held on December 3. It is planned that this examination will be given at multiple sites throughout the United States using an electronic format. The closing date for registration is August 1 each year. Those wishing to be considered for examination must apply online at [www.abts.org](http://www.abts.org).

To be admissible for the Part II (oral) examination, a candidate must have successfully completed the Part I (written) examination.

A candidate applying for admission to the certifying examination must fulfill all the requirements of the Board in force at the time the application is received. Please address all communications to the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, 633 North St Clair Street, Suite 2320, Chicago, IL 60611 (telephone: 312-202-5900).

## Requirements for Maintenance of Certification

Diplomates of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS) who plan to participate in the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process must hold an unrestricted medical license in the locale of their practice and privileges in a hospital accredited by the JCAHO (or other organization recognized by the ABTS). In addition, a valid ABTS certificate is an absolute requirement for entrance into the Maintenance of Certification process. If your certificate has

expired, the only pathway for renewal of a certificate is to take and pass the Part I (written) and the Part II (oral) certifying examinations. The names of individuals who have not maintained their certificate will no longer be published in the American Board of Medical Specialties Directories. Diplomates' names will be published upon successful completion of the Maintenance of Certification process.

The CME requirements are 30 Category I credits earned during each year prior to application. At least half of these CME hours need to be in the broad area of thoracic surgery. Category II credits are not allowed. Interested individuals should refer to the Booklet of Information for Maintenance of Certification for a complete description of acceptable CME credits. Diplomates will be expected to submit verification of CME earned.

Diplomates in the Maintenance of Certification process will need to provide a summary of their major cases performed during the year prior to application. The practice review should not exceed 100 cases.

Diplomates in the Maintenance of Certification process will be required to complete all sections of the SESATS self-assessment examination. It is not necessary for Diplomates to purchase SESATS individually, because it will be sent to them after their application has been approved.

Diplomates may apply for Maintenance of Certification in the year their certificate expires, or if they wish to do so, they may apply up to two years before it expires. However, the new certificate will be dated 10 years from the date of expiration of their original certificate or most recent recertification certificate. In other words, going through the Maintenance of

Certification process early does not alter the 10-year validation. Diplomates certified prior to 1976 (the year that time-limited certificates were initiated) are also required to participate in MOC if they wish to maintain valid certificates.

The deadline for submission of application for the Maintenance of Certification is May 10 of each year. All ABTS diplomates will receive a letter from the Board outlining their

individual timeline and MOC requirements. A brochure outlining the rules and requirements for Maintenance of Certification in thoracic surgery is available upon request from the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, 633 North St. Clair Street, Suite 2320, Chicago, IL 60611; telephone (312) 202-5900; fax (312) 202-5960; E-mail [info@abts.org](mailto:info@abts.org). This booklet is also published on the Web site: [www.abts.org](http://www.abts.org).

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## Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education and Women in Thoracic Surgery

### Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship

It is with honor and sorrow that the Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education (TSFRE), in conjunction with Women in Thoracic Surgery (WTS), announces the Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship.

Dr Reed was a thoracic surgeon, educator, and successful researcher; she died early and before her retirement. To honor her legacy, TSFRE in conjunction with WTS established this award, which will allow a clinically established female thoracic surgeon to travel to another institution in order to learn a new skill or technology.

The reality and success of this award requires a specialty-wide fundraising effort. Together with you—Carolyn's colleagues, CT surgery community members, corporate supporters, and institutional partners—we can celebrate Carolyn's life and dedication to education and innovation.

There are several ways to **contribute to the Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship**:

- Make a credit card donation online at [www.tsfre.org](http://www.tsfre.org).
- Mail your donation to TSFRE, 633 North Saint Clair Street, Floor 23, Chicago, IL 60611.

Please make checks payable to TSFRE and note the Carolyn E. Reed Fellowship in the memo section of your check.

Please contact Priscilla S. Page, TSFRE Executive Director, at [ppage@tsfre.org](mailto:ppage@tsfre.org) with questions. A full description of the Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship can be found at [www.tsfre.org](http://www.tsfre.org).